A Republican State Convention for the State of Oregon will be held at the city of Portland at 11 A. M. of wednesday the 20th day of March, 1872, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Member of Congress, six delegates to the National Republican Convention to be held at Philadelphia, June 5th. for the transaction of such other business as may be thought proper.

The several counties will be entitled to delegates in the Convention as fol-

Beker. ... Il Linn. Clackamas. 14 | Marion .. Polk Tillamook Umatilla Douglas 13 | Union Washington 3 Yambillan, 12 The State Central Committee recom-

mends that the several counties hold their primary election on Saturday, March 2d, and their county conventions for selection of delegates to the State Convention, on Saturday March 9th T. B. ODENEAL,

Chairman State Central Committee. C. P. CRANDALL, Secretary SALEM, Feb. 1. 1872.

Work to be Done, Our Republican friends should be on the alert, and prepare for the coming contest. The call being published for a Couvent on is a rullying cry sounding throughout the land to arouse every one to their work. Only he who works can expect to win, and if opportunities are neglected, which would if properly improved secure the desired object, the nents of the Administration will meet themselves. The work must begin new, or central idea, upon which to among the people in their primary meetings. Let the voters meet in their respective precincts, organize carefully send honest men to the County and State Conventions, who will adopt platform worthy of the sanction, and pominate men who will reflect credit upon, and receive the support of, their constituents. The cry of thieving and plundering in high places, of wrong legislation and malfeasance in office should waken the people to a sense of their duty and influence them to exert their utmost to put men into office who will perform their duties faithfully and honestly. There are men in all communities, honest, independent, faithful; men who cannot be influenced to swerve from duty, either by the frowns of one mies or the flatteries of friends. Let each true lover of his country see that reason expect to receive the support of such men are brought out and nomina- the people. Whenever it fails to do ted and elected, and then we have nothing to fear. We hope to see coming from every precinct in Polk county the word that the true patriots are at work, determined to purge high offices of corrupt men, and put those in place who will faithfully perform the work to

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form it.

alige to duty and determined to per-

18 IT SO ! -A late writer in an exchange comments lengthily upon the decay of poand have more to occupy our time than appear and urge their claims and subrush forth to Church and back, in through love of-gain, to lay itself liable fact we are in a rush from the eradle to to heavy damages, which it undoubtedly the grave. Perhaps in our rush we has during the late war, it should be rush over many of those little tokens of made to stand the consequences whatrespect which characterized our fore- ever they may be. Both nations have spect for each other, as from lack of Geneva Commission, and each has a time to attend thereto. In either case right to present any and all claims, as we should amend the fault if it exists. as politoness smooths many of the rough by Minister Thornton that the Geneva places in life, eases many of the jolts Convention is not a tribunal, but a straight jacket. As the consolidated with which we meet in our daily inter. mere conference, is fallacious and will course, and renders life more pleasant be so viewed. We can but commend the and happy, both to those who give action of President Grant and Secreand those who receive its courtesies. tary Fish in standing firm to their We should consider well this matter, and if we are becoming impolite and claiming all the rights and privileges pareless let us reform.

The Walla Walla Uuton reports snow stock for the most part doing well.

THE CENTRAL IDEA.

History and observation alike teach us an axiom, that political parties can- the East, knows that the land there is many would inculcate, simply formal, but are living things, born of sentiment, is, the farmers have over taxed their and endure so long as that sentiment remains popular, and no longer. Af- them without any substantial return. ter that they must perish.

As fast as parties discard living issues 1872. three Presidential Llectors, and they are disregarded by the people and are overthrown. The Whig party, organized in 1834, ran well until their " new departure"- the Baltimore Platform, in 1852, when they met a Waterloo defeat and never recovered. The at their head, made a history by opposing National Banks, gigantic monopolies, and confronting Nullification. pathies with the rebellion, and thus insured its defeat. The political campaigns of 1864 and 1868 proved that its central idea was not in accordance with the wishes of the American people, and that as a political organization it had run its course. It is a matter of no wonder that they are now casting about for new lead, rs, and endeavoring to make new conditions. The New Departure" was either a blind, or a surrender beforehand. If the former, the people will discard it as containing they have been fighting. If the latter, there is nothing to be gained by a change, and the people will so view it-The endeavor to affiliate with Chase,

in 1868, proved abortive. The endeavor to affiliate now with the opposubstantiate their claims. The contest upon their part, then, resolves itself into a personal squabble for office with which the people have no sympathy. The "cohesive power of plunder" will not avail with the people, and cannot be supported.

The Republican party have, on the upon which they organized, and which voice. That a dishonest man will oceasionally creep into so large an organization, must be expected. But those iustances cannot and will not be the measure of the party, That the party has been, and is still, building up the interests of the country, is admitted by their continuance in office, and as long as it continues so to do, it may with this, defeat is deserved, and will undoubtedly be received.

.THE ALABAMA CLIAMS,

Serious difficulties seem to be brewing between the United States and England concerning the Alabama claims. be done. Organize, send in reports of The matter has assumed a very serious aspect in England. The Tory party are proceedings, have them published to show to the world that we are fully anxious to push the question upon Parliament in order to shake the confi lence of the people in the Gladstone Mimstry. Parliament, auxious to sustain the Min istry, is endeavoring to induce the Administration at Washington to withdraw what is termed the consequential liteness. Are we really becoming less damages. The President is, as he courteons and polite than formerly? Let | should bo, firm in his demands. He us pause and see. Certainly we live claims the Commission as a tribunal befaster, do more business, travel more, fore which each nation has the right to people did years ago. We rush through mit their defense. If the Government our meals, rush through our business, of Great Britain has allowed itself, fathers, not so much from a want of re- agreed to submit their claims to the 000,000 were stolen from the City in a court of justice. The ground taken rights as they understand them, and trnly theirs by the terms of the treaty.

The cotton crop of the South is one two and a half feet deep in the Kittatas, million bales short of the average before the war.

A CHANGE NEEDED.

Any one, conversant with farming in

not long exist without some central becoming unproductive, and that the idea round which to rally, and for people are forced to look farther and which to contend. They are not, as farther West for their supplies of grain products, The principal reason of this lands, have been continually taking from The legitimate result follows; the land is fast becoming, if not entirely barren, useless for anything but the garden cereals, and these raised only by the greatest labor in fertilizing. Are we not drifting to the same destiny? Our lands are now rich. The loam of our valleys produces wheat and other Democratic party with Andrew Jackson | grain in quantity and quality unsurpassed. But are any steps being taken to retain this quality in the soil? Comparatively, none. Our farmers are con-But it drank in the secession principle, | tinually plowing and sowing, drawing and during the war extended its sym- the strength from the soil without returning anything to support its vitality. This ought not so to be. Experience should teach the lesson in this as in everything else, that "always taking out of the meal-tub, and never putting in, soon comes to the bottom." Continually taking from the soil its strength and vitality, without proper leaves it burren and useless. Light crops are discouraging, and there is no doubt the present system is impoverishtng the soil, and to that extent detracts the germs of the principle against which from the wealth of the country. Too much land is cultivated and too little return is made in the form of plantfood, or other manures. There must be a radical change made soon, there must be a reform commenced or we shall share he fate of others. Let our farmers see to it; begin the needed seligent have no one to blame but with no better success. They offer no reformation at once, it is a duty owed both to the present and future genera- till ten A. M. on Friday.

MORMON TROUBLES.

The action of Judge McKean, in refusing to comply with the instructions of Attorney-General Bates, and liberate on bail all persons on trial in Utah, stolen from the St Charles Hotel in Alseems to have received the con-menda other hand, been true to the principles from of the residents of the "Sainty" city, both Gentiles and Mormons Conhave been supported by the popular gratulations have been extended to Justice McKean for his course, and requests have been sent to the President for the removal of Attorney-General Bates, river. and the appointment of some one, who will the botter look after the interests of the people. Many of the prisoners whom the Attorney General wished liberated on bail, were indicted for murder of an atrocious character, and to turn those culprits loose to again give way to their savage propensities, is a proposition which could not be enter tained for a moment by any lover of the peace of society, either Saint or Gentile. If the facts are as represented. the action of Gen. Bates is reprehensible, and he should be severely dealt with, while Judge McKean is entitled to the praise of every good citizen.

All Around.

Five indictments have been found against Tweed, and fifteen against Con-

Fifty years ago not a pound of fine

widow whose husband was killed by the row. Westfield explosion.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison denounces the doctrine of Free Love as advocated by Mrs. Woodhull.

The Illinois and Massachusetts Legislatures are about to raise the salaries

of their Governors. B. F. Washington, for seven years editor of the San Francisco Examiner, died on the 22d ult, after an illness of

six weeks. The Grand Jury of New York are said to be in possession of evidence that \$1, freasury in one day.

G. F. Train is about to bring libel suits of \$50,000 each against all the papers that have mentioned the rumor that his uncle was after him with a press of America is guilty, George's versatile taleuts and his \$100,000,000 will find herein a demand for a full investment.

There seems to be some apprehension that Stokes, the murderer of Fisk, will escape punishment through some legal technicality. It is to be hoped that there is no foundation to the report. The assassination of Fisk was an atrocions and deliberate crime, and should ment he recieved at the Eagle Saloon, subject the perpetrator to the severest | and "went for" the house, fearfully penalty the law can inflict.

State Items.

[Gleanings from State Exchanges.] Another burglary reported in yam-

Nineteen ladies of Eugene, chew

No ice is being put up in many of the

A Democratic paper is to be started at La Grande. The Oregon and California stages,

now stop at Creswell.

Four boats are running on the upper Willamette.

The Republican State Convention is to meet in Portland March 20.

H. H. Northrup, of Portland has been appointed Notary Public.

Mrs. Brady, of Portland broke her arm by going down stairs too fast.

A farmer, near Corvallis, has planted an acre and a quarter, of strawberries.

Two drunken Irishmen were painted red by some mischief lovers in Corval-

J. D. Biles, and Ben Holladay Jr., are to start a tub factory in Oregon

Wm. Thompson late of the Plaindealer, will soon assume control of the

Mr. M. C. Myers, of Jackson county, is in the east purchasing fine stock for

A man was run over and killed by return, soon saps its productiveness, and the cars, near Creswell one day last

> A Justice of the Peace, in Linn county, has sent his resignation to Pres-

> A Portland "unfortunate" attemps ted to suicide last Friday-cause, unrequited love.

> A Linkville correspondent of the Democratic Times reports the Modoc Indians very troublesome.

> A lamp exp'osion which came near being destructive, occurred in the Messeager office one day last week,

> The heaviest rain of the season fell in Salem on Thursday night and lasted

> A couple of young ladies donned male attire, and promended the streets of

Corvallis, one day last week. Accounts from Willow Creek and Antelope Valley report that stock has

suffered very little thus far. Two watches and a derringer were

bany, one night last week David Matthew, the man who ran the first Locomotive in the United States, is said to be a resident of Portland

The new Steamer Alice is running on the upper Willamette She is said to be the finest boat on that portion of the

Last Saturday a man was arrested in Oregon City, charged with a morder committed in Wisconsin some months

Mr. Kidd, a gentleman from Scot land, has purchased a farm in vambill county, and says several others are com-

A drunken row occurred in St. Hei ens, 1 st Saturday, in which one man was stabbed, and it is feared fataly in-

A lady at St. Helens, has returned to Mr. Goldstein, of Portland, several articles stolen from him by young Gill, and presented to her,

Wednesday, the bids were opened for the construction of the Court House, in Salem. The bids ranged from \$73,000,

to \$119,000. The ladies of Arkansas have offered a premium for the handsomest man.

Mart. Brown of the Albany Democrat thinks he will "go for the premium."

Rev. D. K. Nesbit, has learned some wool was grown in any country except "lessons from the murder of Jim Fisk," and is going to teach them A New York jury awarded \$5,000 to a to the residents of Corvallis, to mor-

The Mercury man Upton, is reported-well almost everywhere. This week we hear of him with his "traps" in Lafayette .- To start a paper, of

Mary E. Foss, a little girl eleven years of age. living near Sublimity, has carded the wool, spun the yarn, and knit seventeen pair of socks since last

fall. So says the Farmer. George A. Steel, Treasurer of Multnomah county, has paid to the State Treasurer \$40,000, the amount in full due the State from that county for the Bridge, Big Luckiamute.

The Pioneer Oil Company offer a special premium of \$75 for the best ten acres, and \$55 for the second best ten acres of flax raised during the coming Summer. The award to be made by the

State Agricultural Society. C. J. Matlock, of Eugene, has been fined \$1 00 per head for 1,800 sheep, which he has been pasturing on the Umatilla Reservation. In addition to the fine, he has lost 1,000 head by the severe weather.

From the Corvallis Democrat we learn that on Tuesday night one of the " red men" became indignant at the treatdemoralizing the doors and windows.

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